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Ref: 18-F-0592

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Dear Ms. Nason:

This is the final response to your February 15, 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request, a copy of which is enclosed for your convenience. Your request was received in this office on February 26, 2018 and assigned FOIA case number 18-F-0592. We ask that you use this number when referring to your request.

The Joint Staff (JS), a component of the Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), conducted a search of their records systems. Mark Patrick, Chief, Information Management Division, an Initial Denial Authority for JS, advised that 72 pages of information you requested are exempt from release in their entirety pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(5), which pertains to inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege and 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), which applies to information that, if released, would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

In this instance, fees for processing your request were below the threshold for requiring payment. Please note that fees may be assessed on future requests.

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may contact our OSD FOIA Public Liaison, Darrell Williams, at 571-372-0462 or by email at OSD.FOIALiaison@mail.mil. Also, please note that the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) offers services to requesters who have disputes with Federal agencies. You may contact OGIS if you have concerns about the processing of your request. Their contact information is provided below:

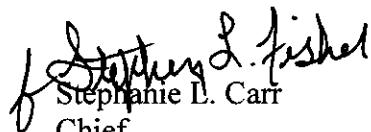
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You have the right to appeal to the appellate authority, Ms. Joo Chung, Director of Oversight and Compliance, Office of the Secretary of Defense, by writing directly to OCMO

Office of the Chief Management Officer, 4800 Mark Center Drive, ATTN: DPCLTD, FOIA Appeals, Mailbox# 24, Alexandria, VA 22350-1700. Your appeal must be postmarked within 90 calendar days of the date of this response. Alternatively, you may email your appeal to osd.foia-appeal@mail.mil. If you use email, please include the words "FOIA Appeal" in the subject of the email. Please also reference case number 18-F-0592 in any appeal correspondence.

If you have any questions or concerns about the foregoing or about the processing of your request, please do not hesitate to contact Stephanie Radman at stephanie.a.radman.civ@mail.mil or 571-372-0412.

Sincerely,



Stephanie L. Carr
Chief

Enclosure:
As stated